

TODAY'S PRICES
Mexican bank notes (latest issue) 125/16
Mexican pesos 47—Mexican gold 45 1/2
Sovereigns 134 1/2—Sterling silver 104 1/2
Havanna quotations 63 1/2—Copper 25 1/2
Ordnance—Lithium—Sulphur—Stocks
low.

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El Paso and west Texas, fair; New Mexico, generally fair; Arizona, fair.

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PERSHING'S DECISIONS ARE NOT CHANGED

U. S. Troops Fighting In Mexico

PERSHING WILL NOT BUDGE

Gen. Funston Watches The Mexican Army Movements Closely.

HAS 50,000 MEN NOW AVAILABLE

Precautions Taken By Gen. Bell Followed By Other American Commanders.

AN ANTONIO, Texas, June 17.—American troops crossed the border below Brownsville this afternoon, and immediately were engaged in fighting, according to a report from Gen. Parker to Gen. Pershing.

The brief report did not state whether the forces opposed to the Americans were bandits or Mexican troops.

AN ANTONIO, Tex., June 17.—Gen. J. J. Pershing has told Gen. Jacinto Trevino, in reply to the message warning him that any move of the American troops, except toward the border, would be regarded as a hostile act, that he could not recognize his authority to govern the movements of the American expedition.

The text of Trevino's message and the reply from Gen. Pershing were received today by Gen. Funston and forwarded to Washington.

Gen. Funston and his staff gave careful attention today to the activities of outland bands along the Mexican border, but far greater interest was displayed in the attitude being assumed by the troops of the de facto government.

Gen. Parker, at Brownsville, Texas, made a brief report of the latest manifestation of outlandry near San Benito, and Gen. Mann reported the continuation of the search for bandits that raided the cavalry camp at San Ignacio, but it was evident at department headquarters that greater significance was attached to the doings of Carranza's troops than to those of the bandit leaders.

Pershing's Warning Disregarded.
Gen. Pershing's warning that the crossing of the international boundary by any American troops for any cause what ever would be regarded as an overt act, and would be the cause for an attack by the de facto government troops, did not disturb Funston or his staff. The search for bandits will continue and whenever a "hot trail" is found leading into Mexico the Americans will not hesitate to follow it. The officers in charge of troops on the border have authority to cross the border without waiting for special instructions.

Gen. Funston's army of almost 50,000 has been so disposed along the Mexican border that swift punitive action could be taken.

Declaration of Hostilities.
Gen. Trevino's threat to attack Gen. Pershing if the American troops move east or west or south, was regarded by army officers here as little less than a declaration of hostilities by the Mexicans, since it may be necessary at any time for the leader of the big punitive expedition to send small detachments in pursuit of outland bands.

Bell's Precaution Followed by Others.
Precautions taken by Gen. Bell at El Paso last night in holding all the American troops ready for action were similar to those taken at every border point opposite which there was any considerable number of Carranza troops. Gen. Greene, at Eagle Pass, and Gen. Mann, at Laredo, also prepared to move quickly in case of emergency, but at those points less activity on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande was displayed.

The garrison at Eagle Pass was strengthened last night by the arrival of the 30th infantry. Three companies of the coast artillery now on their way south will go directly to Laredo.

SENDS THREAT TO PERSHING

Trevino Tells the American Commander He Will Attack If U. S. Troops Move.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chihuahua City, Mex., June 17.—Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commanding the Carrancista army of the north, has advised Gen. J. J. Pershing, American expeditionary commander, that any movement of American troops from their present lines to the south, east or west would be considered a hostile act and a signal to commence warfare. Gen. Trevino acted upon specific instructions from Gen. Carranza.

Reports received from Gen. Alfredo Ricourt, Constitutional commander at Matamoros, said that he had sent troops in pursuit of the bandits who recently raided American soil near San Ignacio, Tex., and who have retreated to Mexico. He added that if American troops pushed their pursuit into Mexico, he would immediately attack them.

EXPECTED RAID FAILS TO OCCUR

Laredo Hears Large Body of Mexican Troops Moving in That Direction.

Laredo, Texas, June 17.—Dues probably to the vigilance of Texas rangers and the military patrol, the reported raid of Mexican bandits at Laredo, 25 miles northwest of here, early this morning, did not materialize, according to reports to Gen. Mann, commanding the border patrol here.

A well informed Mexican, arriving from the interior of Mexico, confirms reports that more than 5000 Carranza troops have passed Villadama, 100 miles south of Laredo, going northward. He said the soldiers were spread out in moderate sized detachments.

Traffic across the international bridge between Laredo and Nuevo Laredo has noticeably diminished. Americans no longer pass the night in Nuevo Laredo and only the more daring pass to that city during the day.

GEN. OBREGON DENIES REPORT OF GEN. GAVIRA'S EXECUTION

Gen. Gabriel Gavira, reported executed in Mexico City, had not arrived in the national capital Friday, a message received by Carranza's consul Andres Garcia from Gen. Alvaro Obregon Saturday morning states.

The message from the Mexican minister of war was received by consul Garcia after he had telegraphed to the reports that a report was in circulation here that Gavira had been shot on a charge of treason.

The war minister's reply read as follows: "Your message received. Every time published relative to the execution of Gen. Gavira. That general has not yet arrived at the capital."

27 WOODS FOR FORT BLISS

Big Battery of Trucks Expected Next Week; Gen. Bell Wants Airplanes.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Twenty-seven new, three-ton trucks are expected to arrive here for the use of the border patrol district and will be sent to Fort Bliss and for use along the border. They are expected next week.

The trucks will be the newest model army truck and will be driven by army truck drivers instead of civilians. Lieut. John F. Franklin, of the seventh infantry, will be in charge of these trucks. They will be used to move troops quickly along the border.

Gen. Bell has also asked for three airplanes to be sent to the border at this point to be used in scout work and for dispatch bearing. The airplanes will be set up at Fort Bliss, if they are sent here, and will be in charge of army aviators who will be sent here from the flying school at San Diego.

U. S. SOLDIERS CHASE BANDITS

Battle is Fought Near San Benito; Raiding Resumed Near Brownsville.

Brownsville, Tex., June 17.—Mexican bandits numbering about 30 were attacked and scattered last night, 18 miles east of San Benito by American soldiers.

Reports that three bandits were killed in the fight were untrue, according to reports received here today. The Americans, however, believe they wounded several of the bandits.

Details of the fight received here say that a detachment of the 26th infantry was fired on from the brush by 25 or 30 bandits. The soldiers dropped to ground and returned the fire. After the first few volleys the Americans rushed the bandits, who scattered in the brush and escaped.

The fight followed the kidnapping by bandits during the afternoon of a Mexican farmer named Lujar. Lujar's nephew with him at the time, escape and gave the alarm. The troops engaged came from San Benito. Two companies of the 26th infantry were immediately dispatched in automobiles from Harlingen, Tex., to Olmito, 18 miles north of Brownsville, in an effort to cut off the bandits, who at midnight were headed for the Rio Grande.

A troop of cavalry was sent from Fort Brown to Fort Bliss, 18 miles north of Brownsville, where a Mexican raid last night was reported of a team of horses by Mexican bandits.

BORDER MEXICANS ARE BEING SENT INTO MEXICO AT LAREDO

RETREAT AFTER SIX HOURS OF FIGHTING

Turkish Report Says 180 British Dead Left On Battlefield.

ITALIANS TAKE THREE POSITIONS

Drive Austrians Out Of Important Towns After Severe Fighting.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, June 17.—(Via London, 5:35 p. m.)—British forces attempting to cross the lower Euphrates river near Korus, were forced to retreat in disorder, after a six hour battle, says the Turkish official statement issued today. The British left 150 dead on the battlefield.

ROME, Italy, June 17 (via London, 5 p. m.)—Italian troops have carried the Austrian positions of Malaga, Fossat and Monte Magari, between the Friuli valley and Marcesina, according to an official statement given out at the war department today.

The Italians took 200 prisoners and captured six guns and four machine guns.

Austrians Defeat Russian Force.
Berlin, Germany, June 17.—(By Wire) to Sayville, N. Y.)—Austro-Hungarian troops south of the Dniester river, in Galicia, defeated a Russian cavalry force on Thursday according to an official statement given out by the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters under date of June 16.

The statement also announced that new battles have been started on the whole front in Volynia.

West of Vitebsk, Russian attacks against our positions are in progress. On the Stokhod and the Sty, several enemy attempts to cross the river failed. The enemy as usual suffered heavy losses.

In Battle With Russians.
Gen. Von Linde's troops have engaged the Russians in battle in the Stokhod and Sty sectors, says the official statement issued by German army headquarters today.

The statement adds that parts of the army of Gen. Von Bothmer are engaged in battle with the Russians to the north of Przemyśl.

British Surgeons Sleep Amid Fierce Jungle Beasts

London, Eng., June 17.—Weird experiences await the soldier in the east African campaign. Dr. Sir Garrod Thomas has received a letter from an army surgeon now in a jungle in which the writer says: "I am at a casualty station on the German border. We have our camp in a clearing in the bush, and even to an old hand like me, it is a fearful experience."

HIS LATEST PICTURE

ROOSEVELT IS GETTING BETTER

Ex-President Plans to Return to His Home at Oyster Bay.

New York, June 17.—Theodore Roosevelt passed a comfortable night, coughing a little, but not violently, and today his voice was stronger and he hoped to return to Oyster Bay this afternoon. The colonel, his physicians announced last night, has suffered a slight attack of pleurisy. They considered his condition satisfactory.

Colonel Roosevelt again this afternoon called on his physician, Dr. Deul and, after returning to his home, had a talk with Raymond Robins, chairman of the Progressive national convention, and governor Hiram Johnson, of California.

HUGHES PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

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PLAN TO NOTIFY WILSON AT SHADOW LAWN, NEW JERSEY



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TO MOVE TO THE ARMY IF FINDS NEED

Washington Shows No Disposition To Withdraw From Below Border

CARRANZA THREAT FOR HOME PEOPLE

Transports Made Ready To Rescue Americans From Mexican Ports.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—No change has been made in the orders under which Gen. J. J. Pershing is pursuing Mexican bandits in Chihuahua and there is no present intention of restricting the movements of the American forces in Mexico because of the threat by the Carranza government that any move made by Gen. Pershing's men to the south, east or west would be followed by an attack by Mexican troops. This was evident here today.

Prepare To Rescue Americans.
To prepare for protecting and rescuing Americans from Mexico should there be danger to them, steps were taken today to send transports to Mexican ports where needed.

The army transport Sumner, laid up at Newport News, Va., was ordered into commission today. Several other transports are being held in readiness to bring Americans from Mexican ports in case of emergency.

No Change in U. S. Purpose.
Warning from Mexican commanders that any movement of American troops except in retreat toward the border would precipitate hostilities, will not change the purpose of the U. S. government to keep its expedition in northern Mexico or prevent Gen. Pershing from taking any steps necessary to insure the safety of his own columns, and deal with bandits threatening the border. No advance further south is contemplated and it is not believed here the Carranza forces are planning an immediate attack upon the American forces.

Bell Tells of Warning.
The war department today was without advice from Gen. Pershing regarding the warning said to have been sent him by Gen. Trevino, but Gen. Funston reported the substance of a telephone conversation he had with Gen. Bell at El Paso, who stated it as a fact that such a warning had been given.

Diplomatic officials were inclined to believe that if Gen. Trevino did serve a warning, it was for home consumption. They thought it was not believed that a telephone conversation designed to offset the activities of the anti-American element in Mexico.

Pershing May Move as He Wishes.
Gen. Pershing's orders authorize him to move in any direction he finds necessary to bring about a final victory. No official would predict whether these orders would be changed, but the general impression prevailed that they would not be.

There is no fear of an immediate clash, however, for officials believe Gen. Pershing would avoid taking any step that might lead to serious consequences until he had communicated with Washington.

Recent troops movements in Chihuahua state have led officials here to fear that the Carranza forces were preparing for some hostile move. The Mexican forces now are distributed in detachments of considerable strength on two lines, converging from a point south of the border east and west of Gen. Pershing's line and meeting at a point south of his field base at Namiagua. The effect has been to enclose the American troops in a gigantic V.

No Attack on Consulate.
A consular dispatch from Durango, Mex., said there was no truth in the report that the American consulate there had been burned during an anti-American demonstration. The consul said there had been no attack on the consulate.

There was no confirmation here of the report from El Paso that Gen. Gavira had been executed in Mexico City.

Asked Only for Information.
Secretary Lansing desired a report that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, and several South American diplomats who had been upon him, endeavored to bring influence to bear upon the course of the United States toward Mexico. They are understood to have sought only information as to the real situation in Mexico. They were told that the economic difficulties of the de facto government were increasingly serious, which is causing alarm among officials here.

A message from Monterrey, where the first anti-American demonstration occurred, said normal conditions prevailed, and the excitement had wholly subsided.

The Border Has Weathered So Many Psychological Storms, Let Us Renew Hope